

EXT. NIMBASA CITY - CARNIVAL - CONTINUOUS

IRIS bolts through the carnival, rushing through people. She's very athletic, running super-fast through the crowds.

IRIS
Hilbert! Where are you, we hafta
get outta -- !

SWOOOOOOSH!

Above her, a giant bird with a brilliant pink head plumage -- an UNFEZANT -- swoops down and KNOCKS her onto her chest. N rides on the bird's back. Iris clammers onto her feet.

N
Stop her in her tracks, Unfezant...
Use Air Slash!

Air is manipulated to look like SPINNING SAWS that Unfezant sends flying at Iris. She SCREAMS and jumps out of the way.

Panic ERUPTS and people start to scream and yell. Some send out their Pokémon to attack Unfezant, but the giant bird simply fights them off and moves like a missile through the air, following Iris.

ON HILBERT; He hears the shouting and chaos. From the skies, he sees the UNFEZANT firing attacks.

HILBERT
What the -- ?

He rushes off in that direction, swooping into hero mode.

ON IRIS; Who dodges the numerous air saws. She slips as she runs -- scrambling back on her feet and charging through the crowd.

ON HILBERT; on the other side of the gathering crowd, people push through, screaming and pushing him in the other direction.

HILBERT (CONT'D)
MOVE --

He pushes through the crowd --

ON IRIS; A kiosk nearby her is hit by the Air Slash, completely destroying it in an tiny explosion. Iris is thrown to the ground and can barely react as one of the spinning air-saws flies for her face. She SWINGS out of the way -- her arm blocking her face -- it SLICES her arm open and she SCREAMS.

ON HILBERT; as he finally makes it through the crowd and finds Iris on her back, screaming as her arm BLEEDS. Unfezant lands and N steps down -- holding his hand out to keep Unfezant still.

N

Please. I want you to reconsider.

HILBERT

Reconsider this!

N spins around and sees Hilbert, who tosses out a Poké Ball. PIKACHU lands in front of him. Gives a tiny growl and crackle of his red cheeks.

HILBERT (CONT'D)

Calm down, I know it's been a while Pikachu, but can you please trust me? We're in trouble...

Pikachu's sparks brighten and he SPINS around -- turning for Unfezant and N.

N

I wish not to battle. I feel like the two of you would be great assets to Team Plasma...

HILBERT

I'd never join you.

IRIS

Me neither.

Iris holds her bleeding arm, N stares down at her, disappointment in his eyes.

N

You're quite strong, kid. But I have a future that I must change. And, for that future... I'll defeat the Champion and become unbeatable, revered and listened to by all of Unova. THEN everyone will know that Team Plasma isn't to be scoffed at. Ridiculed. Ignored.

(beat)

I'll make all Trainers free their Pokémon! If you want to be together with Pokémon, your only hope is to collect the Badges from each area and head for the Pokémon League!

(MORE)

N (CONT'D)

If your conviction is not strong enough, you will never be able to defeat me.

N hops on Unfezant's back and flies off.

FREEZE-FRAME as Hilbert watches him go.

HILBERT (V.O.)

At that moment, I realized what I had to do. Not only did I have to defeat all the gyms in the course of the remaining week, but I also had this butthole to pummel in. As if I needed to make the week any busier...

Hilbert rushes over to Iris, helping her up. He slings her arm over his shoulder, she winces and limps as they walk. She checks to make sure Axew and her egg are okay. They are. Hilbert is more concerned about Iris herself.

HILBERT

You okay?

IRIS

(grumbles)

Just peachy.

HILBERT

What did he want?

IRIS

He said he was the King of Team Plasma. And he wanted me to be his Queen.

(beat)

So I booked it.

Hilbert smiles suggestively.

HILBERT

Because you'd much rather stick with me?

Iris shoots him a dark look, rolls her eyes.

IRIS

Ew, don't even try to say it like that.

(pause)

He's just flat-out weird and really creeped me out. Plus his girly cologne was gag-worthy.

(MORE)

IRIS (CONT'D)

You're a stupid, *normal* kid with natural, boy-like gag-worthy smells. So, yes, I guess I would rather stick with you.

HILBERT

Well, thanks, Iris. I am quite proud of my natural, boy-like gag-worthy smells...

IRIS

Anytime, kid, anytime.

People start to swarm around them -- now that the coast is clear, everyone decides to see how Iris is doing and mutter and gossip about what could've possibly went down just then...

FADE TO:

INT. NIMBASA CITY GYM - NIGHT

TIGHT on a neon ROLLER COASTER CAR as it moves across a matching neon track. HILBERT and IRIS are inside as it runs through the entire GYM.

HILBERT (V.O.)

We had to speak to the authorities and explain what happened. Nothing could be issued on the "N" guy because he literally didn't exist...

CUT to the battlefield - Hilbert is across from ELESa, Iris in the stands. Elesa is the gym leader... a beautiful model, with electric yellow hair, and headphones hanging from her neck. A pair of EMOLGA - two tiny, adorable electric mice with small black wings - are stood on her shoulders.

Hilbert sends out his PIKACHU.

ELESa

Oh my God. That is ADORABLE!

HILBERT (V.O.)

Elesa went crazy for Electric-types... considering Pikachu wasn't native to Unova, she was fascinated by the prospect of meeting a new Electric-type Pokémon.

Elesa looks at Pikachu with happy eyes. Pikachu blushes slightly as she raves over the little electric rat.

ELESA

I saw only a few of them on my travels through Kanto. They're absolutely amazing creatures...!

Elesa's pair of Emolga looked upset -- JEALOUS --

CUT to later -- the BATTLE. Pikachu and Emolga are exchanging blows. Pikachu RUSHES forward and unleashes a powerful electric blast -- throws Emolga backward. But Emolga FLIES through the air, riding the wind and SLAMMING into Pikachu with an Aerial Ace.

HILBERT

Show that wannabe which electric rodent's the best, Pikachu! Electro Ball!

Pikachu's tail ignites with a massive spark of energy that builds up in a ball... And is released, hitting Emolga in the chest. The tiny squirrel is thrown backward, knocked out. Hilbert gets on his knees and holds out a hand, offering a high five to Pikachu.

Pikachu simply SHOCKS Hilbert, enveloping him in a bright yellow light. Hilbert falls on his back, legs in the air and smoke rising from his body. FREEZE-FRAME on Pikachu's chuckling face.

HILBERT (V.O.)

It was foolish of me to think we had a bonding moment...

CUT to later -- Hilbert's back on his feet, he's got KROKOROK -- the evolved form of SANDILE -- fighting against Elesa's ZEBSTRIKA -- a flashy zebra Pokémon.

ELESA

Flame Charme, Zebstrika!

Zebstrika's body cloaks itself in a fiery veil, CHARGING at the large, two-legged crocodile.

HILBERT (V.O.)

Sandile and I did some training before the gym... he evolved into a fearsome Krokrokok!

Krokrokok rushes forward with glowing purple claws and slashes forward, stopping the flaming Zebstrika in its tracks. Krokrokok regains its composure easily from the fiery zebra's recoil against his own body, charging back toward Zebstrika's injured form.

A mass of rocks hover in front of Krokorok out of nowhere, it spins around in the air, building up in size until flying like a massive bowling ball right toward Zebstrika. The zebra hurtles backward through the air, lands on its back, and is knocked out. *STRIKE!*

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)

It was a tough battle, but we won.
Got a sparkly new badge.

INT./EXT. MONTAGE - VARIOUS

HILBERT with SHELDON the DEWOTT at his side, and IRIS with her AXEW sat on he shoulder and her EGG in her arms, walk together through a route --

HILBERT (V.O.)

It was Day 4, Badge 4 and I was on
a roll.

ON the DRIFTVEIL DRAWBRIDGE -- a shimmering red-painted bridge over a river that crosses between NIMBASA CITY and DRIFTVEIL CITY.

While moving across the bridge, Hilbert and Iris attacked by a DEINO, a tiny four-legged dragon with dark features. Iris's AXEW battles it.

Using Dragon Rage, the little Axew manages to knock out Deino and Iris captures it in a Poké Ball.

HILBERT (V.O.)

Iris beat me to it catching this cool little guy. She seemed determined to get it though... I think she had some sort of obsession with Dragon-types. Always used to talk about 'em...

Hilbert and Iris are in Driftveil City, stood in front of the Driftveil Gym.

Hilbert commands his DEWOTT, SHELDON, in battle against the gym leader, CLAY, and his PALPITOAD.

The toad Pokémon EXTENDS its tongue at Dewott, Dewott SLASHES it away with RAZOR SHELL -- throwing Palpitoad backward.

CUT to later in the gym battle -- Sheldon the Dewott vs. EXCADRILL; an enormous mole Pokémon with steel claws.

Excadrill FLIES for Excadrill, Excadrill uses DRILL RUN -- curling into a drill-shaped form and FLYING through the air in a spinning motion -- SLAMMING into Sheldon's chest -- throwing him back and PINNING him to the wall of the gym.

Sheldon WITHDRAWS his scalchops and SLICES them in a crossed position across Excadrill's chest -- the Pokémon drops.

Hilbert's on the battlefield, screaming for his Dewott.

HILBERT
Come on, Sheldon! Use REVENGE!

Sheldon's blue face gained a reddish glow -- SMOKE shoots from his ears. He looks absolutely PISSED. He charges forward and SLAMS into Excadrill -- PICKS up the mole and THROWS it angrily.

The mole's knocked out. Hilbert and Sheldon cheer -- and exchange a high-five.

As Clay presents Hilbert with his QUAKE BADGE, Hilbert beams.

AT the campfire that night, Hilbert's CURLED in a ball, not even undressed -- Iris just rolls her eyes at him. She looks at Sheldon, who just shrugs and retreats into the tent quickly.

HILBERT (V.O.)
Sheldon was happy that night, I figured. I crashed at the campfire super-early. More room for him, I knew that's what was running through his mind. Iris, though? She was a little tougher to figure out.

Iris leans in close to Hilbert's ear with a giggle as AXEW emerges from her hair and climbs on her shoulder with a yawn.

IRIS
Sleep tight. Don't get too many Bug-type bites out here, okay?

Iris actually gives him a slight kiss on the cheek. Her Axew looks at her, surprised. She smirks.

IRIS (CONT'D)
What he doesn't know won't hurt him...

As they retreat into their tent, we focus on Hilbert's sleeping face --

HILBERT (V.O.)
Yeah, it had been an easy coupla
days for me.

The next morning, the duo -- SHELDON in between them and Iris's AXEW on her shoulder -- move through a forest-like area. They find themselves at the face of a dark cave entrance.

HILBERT (V.O.)
Of course, it wasn't long 'till the
crap hit the fan again...

INT. CHARGESTONE CAVE - DAY

CUE -- "ELECTRIC ROCK CAVE".

As HILBERT, IRIS, SHELDON and AXEW advance through the cave, they look at the unique terrain. The walls sparkle with tiny blue crackles of ELECTRICITY and SPIKED rocks cover the area, which crackle with similar shocks.

Iris, hypnotized by their beauty, leans in to touch one of the blueish rocks on the wall -- only to get a tiny ELECTRIC SHOCK. When she pulls her hand away, she sighs.

IRIS
Word of advice? Don't touch the
pretty blue rocks.

Hilbert chuckles slightly.

IRIS (CONT'D)
It's not funny!

HILBERT
It was more of a 'chuckle of
relief'. It wasn't me who got
electrocuted this time. I'm like a
freaking lightningrod.

Iris smirks.

IRIS
Point taken.

They continue, moving past a cluster of circular pod-like Pokémon with spiky green tips covering them, known as FERROSEED. A pair of KLINK, Pokémon that resemble spinning gears, float above their heads quickly, causing them to duck. Hilbert watches them disappear down the cave passageway --

HILBERT
That was weird.

IRIS

Yeah, why were they in such a rush?

HILBERT

I meant that they are the stupidest looking things I've ever seen...
But yeah. That was weird too.

The electric rocks that light the narrow passageway suddenly EXPLODE violently. The place goes to PITCH BLACK in a manner of seconds. A horrible SCREAM can be heard --

HILBERT (CONT'D)

IRIS!! Go, Pikachu!

The sound of a Poké Ball opening can be heard. PIKACHU's yellow body creates some light --

HILBERT (CONT'D)

I need you to charge up all the energy you can in your tail... We gotta find Iris.

Pikachu looks ready to attack, but instead decides to listen to Hilbert and let its tail glow. Hilbert looks around --

HILBERT (CONT'D)

IRIS!! IRIS!! IRIII--

SUDDENLY, a long, EEL Pokémon EMERGES from the ceiling and its WIDE, CIRCULAR MOUTH wraps around Hilbert's body and SNATCHES him up. All we can see are Hilbert's legs as he's LIFTED into the air. His muffled screams can be heard as the EELEKTRIK starts enveloping itself in electricity and SHOCKING its prey -- in this case, Hilbert! His screams die down --

TIGHT on Sheldon the Dewott and Pikachu as they watch their trainer get carried away --

Sheldon gives an angry cry, drawing both scalchops from their place on his abdomen and leaping high into the air, SLASHING at Eelektrik -- BUT IT'S GONE. SNUCK into a tiny hole in the wall.

Sheldon seems to exchange conversation with Pikachu, Pikachu crosses his arms unwilling, Sheldon suddenly picks up the rat and LEAPS into the air -- THROWING Pikachu and LAUNCHING it into the hole Eelektrik snuck into. Pikachu fits!

ELSEWHERE IN THE CAVE--

TIGHT on Hilbert's shut eyes as they slowly FLUTTER open--

ZOOM out to show Hilbert, STUCK to a yellow web. He looks around, slowly recognizing where he's at. He tries to wriggle free, only to get another electric SHOCK.

HILBERT (V.O.)

I guess that's what I get for recognizing that I attract electricity like the north and south poles of a magnet attract each other --

(beat)

-- More electricity.

A voice speaks from nearby --

N (O.S.)

It's useless.

Hilbert's head turns to the source of the voice -- to see N stood beside the web.

N (CONT'D)

What you're stuck to is a Galvantula web. Virtually indestructible by human means -- you'd need a very powerful Pokémon to cut you down... or one with a lot of will and heart...

HILBERT

(with venom)

What do you want? To steal my Pokémon?

N

I'm offering you a warning. Join us, or be destroyed.

HILBERT

Destroyed? I always thought this was about peace and separation. Sounds more like you're planning a war.

N

If it comes to that, then so be it. No cause has never come without its casualties.

There's an air of calmness in his voice that's very chilling...

N (CONT'D)

This cave is home to two stones. The Light Stone and the Dark Stone... I've had agents here digging for months -- and they finally found them. Do you know the powers these stones can harness?

HILBERT

Nope. Don't read.

N

The origins of Zekrom and Reshiram are told in legends, as they were once a single powerful Dragon Pokémon used by twin heroes in order to create the Unova region. But the brothers each sought something different in life -- truth for the older brother and ideals for the younger -- and they began to argue, then fight, over who's side was right. The single dragon, in response, split into two Pokémon: Reshiram, who sided with the older twin, and Zekrom, who sided with the younger twin.

(beat)

The two dragons were equally matched as they battled and neither conquered the other. As a result, the brothers set aside their differences, and equally declared there was no right side, either. But the sons of the heroes resumed the fight, and Reshiram and Zekrom destroyed the region with their fire and lightning powers. They disappeared afterward, allowing the surviving people to rebuild. In case of total chaos, the two could be reunited with these stones, to bring Unova to a clean slate once again.

HILBERT

You're insane. Have you ever thought that they might turn on you like they did to the twins?!

N

I'm not foolish like them -- I believe in one, firm, idea.

(MORE)

N (CONT'D)

(beat)
Ideals.

HILBERT

So you can hide from the truth?
Zekrom won't let you do this.

N

If you continue to fight me, it
will. It'll see the pure
destruction and chaos the world's
in. Don't you see, you're the yin
to my yang? We're the modern-day
twin heroes... Truth versus ideals.

END -- "ELECTRIC ROCK CAVE"

Hilbert attempts to break free again -- N snaps his fingers and about ten tiny, fluffy yellow spiders about the size of a fingertip climb from the walls and toward Hilbert on the web. The JOLTIK crawl on his face, into his shirt and pants, and each discharge tiny bits of electricity that combine, powerfully SHOCKING Hilbert, covering his entire body in a yellow light. They stop and the yellow light fades away. The Joltik crawl away. Hilbert glares at N darkly.

HILBERT

This is just NOT a good day for me.
If I ever get down from here, I'll
kick your ass.

N doesn't react... There's a long pause, the only audible thing is Hilbert's heavy breathing. N goes to say something when there's a sudden interruption.

IRIS (O.S.)

Were you wondering where your
Galvantula friend went?

N spins round -- IRIS is stood there, her hair a mess, AXEW stood on her shoulder. She holds a Poké Ball out, tosses it -- and a LARVESTA pops out, a fuzzy, moth larva-like Pokémon. It has blue eyes in a shadowed face, and five orange, slightly whorled horns at the sides of its head. Its white mane of fuzz encompasses its head and the upper half of its body; its lower body is brown and has three pairs of small black legs.

Not even a second later from Larvesta's grand entrance, from the ceiling, a charred and knocked-out GALVANTULA tumbles down and crashes at N's feet.

HILBERT

WHOA! Where did you get the sweet-
ass Bug thing?

IRIS
 (beaming)
 The egg hatched. Cool isn't she?!

Three people -- dressed like NINJAS -- appear out of nowhere at N's side. The SHADOW TRIAD.

N
 Meet my friends. The Shadow Triad.

The three masked, concealed, individuals stand silently by N's side.

IRIS
 Larvesta, break Hilbert free...!

Larvesta HOPS toward the web... while she points at the Triad as they prepare to retaliate.

IRIS (CONT'D)
 Axew, use Dragon Rage!

Axew leaps on the ground, opens its tiny mouth -- building up a BLUE BALL OF SWIRLING ENERGY --

IRIS (CONT'D)
 BITE DOWN!

Axew looks surprised by his master's bidding, but he does it, clamping down on the building Dragon Rage.

BOOM!

A massive explosion of SMOKE surrounds the vicinity -- N and the Shadow Triad are unable to see a thing.

UP ABOVE; Hilbert is freed by Iris's Larvesta, who fries the web with a FLAMETHROWER. As Hilbert tumbles free, he hits the ground hard.

As the smoke clears, Larvesta joins its trainer's side and Hilbert gets back on his feet.

IN THE CEILING, a RAICHU -- an orange Pokémon with similar stature to Pikachu - manages to make its way through and FALL onto Hilbert's shoulder.

HILBERT
 Wh--What's this thing?

Raichu SHOCKS Hilbert. Hilbert falls onto his back. As he sits up, he gives a good look to the Raichu. Instantly recognizing him now.

HILBERT (CONT'D)
 This can't be... Pikachu? You
 evolved?!

Raichu gives a gruff nod and thrusts his arm in the air confidently, his tail sparking. Raichu leaps off of Hilbert's shoulder and confidently sparks at N and the Shadow Triad angrily --

The Shadow Triad surround N and suddenly whip their capes --

-- and VANISH just as Raichu unleashes a THUNDERBOLT. It strikes the ground and causes an eruption of dirt in the spot they were all standing.

IRIS
 How the...? They were JUST there!

HILBERT
 ...They dropped something.

Hilbert walks over and picks up something lying within the dust --

-- THE DARK STONE.

HILBERT (CONT'D)
 He told me the legend of Zekrom and
 Reshiram...

He turns to show Iris the Dark Stone.

HILBERT (CONT'D)
 And said we were the "modern-day
 twins".
 (pause)
 A part of me thinks that he dropped
 this on purpose.

A voice interrupts.

SKYLA (O.S.)
 Hello!

They turn around to see SKYLA -- a young red-haired girl. Brazen, fun, and full of life. A large bat covered in fluffy fur with black wings and a heart-shaped nose follows her. This is a SWOOBAT.

SKYLA (CONT'D)
 I heard a ruckus, what's goin' on?

IRIS
 Team Plasma was here.

SKYLA
You mean the crazy "liberate
Pokémon" people?

IRIS
Yeah.

SKYLA
Oh my... You two okay?!

HILBERT
Just a little worn out... Sore.

SKYLA
(sniffs air)
You smell like fried chicken.

HILBERT
(nonchalant)
Oh, that's just my burning flesh.

Skyla gets hyped up now.

SKYLA
C'mon, Swoobat, help lead us out of
here so we can get these two to the
Pokémon Center and pronto...!

Swoobat gives a cry and leads them toward the exit -- the
three follow it.

INT. POKÉMON CENTER - DAY

HILBERT rests up on the couch in the lounge, IRIS sits in a
chair nearby. FREEZE-FRAME on the image of them both
relaxing.

HILBERT (V.O.)
Our rescuer said her name was
Skyla, Mistralton City's Flying-
type gym leader. On our way out,
we picked up Sheldon and she told
me that my Pikachu probably evolved
due to exposure from a Thunder
Stone, an item that apparently
grows in Chargestone Cave.

INT. MISTRALTON CITY GYM - DAY

HILBERT inserts himself into a cannon.

HILBERT (V.O.)

I was wrong. The damn gym made you shoot yourself around in a cannon while she stood on the other side of the gym all giddy.

...It BLASTS off and Hilbert flies through the air, landing on a TARGET-shaped trampoline. He bounces into the air and lands on it again, slowing down and allowing him to get on his feet.

He enters the next cannon and it shoots him forward -- flying through the air and then --

WHAM.

Hilbert collides with the wall and slides down slowwwwwly--

SKYLA stands on her place at the podium, right next to him. She claps with a giddy laugh.

SKYLA

Yay! I could watch people do that all day.

She giggles as Hilbert slowly gets to his feet, dazed.

HILBERT (V.O.)

I think she's psychotic -- she gets enjoyment from the pain of others.

LATER: Their gym battle. Skyla's SWOOBAT versus Hilbert's RAICHU.

SWOOBAT manages to toss about Raichu using Psychic-powers, knocking it out. Hilbert's jaw literally drops.

HILBERT (V.O.)

Skyla's tiny little puffball bat thing pretty much stomped my Raichu in his first battle since evolution. I knew I'd be getting a hissy fit from him later...

Hilbert recalls Raichu into his ball and sends out his ARCHEOPS. Archeops charges forward, using ANCIENTPOWER to hurl rocks at Swoobat. The bat goes flying backward, hitting the ground hard just as Hilbert shouts another command to Archeops, and the large bird charges forward, pinning Swoobat down to the ground.

When Archeops gets back up, Swoobat's down and out.

NEXT UP --- Hilbert has his KROKOROK fight against a BRAVIARY -- a large, ruffled bird similar to an eagle with enormous legs.

SKYLA

Use Sky Drop! Try and go for a one-hit knockout!

Braviary gives an intimidating squwak and DIVES for Krokorok, picking him up with its enormous legs.

HILBERT

Krokorok, use Stone Edge!!

As Krokorok's lifted into the air, he prepares an attack, creating SPIKY ROCKS in between his cupped hands -- Braviary gives a HEARTY throw -- Krokorok PLUMMETS toward the ground. As he spins through the air, he looks up at Braviary --

AND UNLEASHES THE STONE EDGE ATTACK.

The rocks FLY UP as Krokorok FALLS DOWN.

The rocks SLAM into Braviary, the bird FALLS down like a rocket. Both Krokorok and Braviary SLAM to the ground. When the dust clears, both of them are unconscious.

It gives a victorious roar before falling over.

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Since we tied -- *and due to the fact that she thinks I'm absolutely adorable* -- Skyla gave me the badge for Krokorok's valiant effort.

Skyla hands over the JET BADGE to Hilbert.

INT./EXT. MONTAGE - VARIOUS

SHOTS of HILBERT and IRIS leaving MISTRALTON.

They stand in a RAINY FOREST area, having a double battle.

HILBERT: ARCHEOPS & SWADLOON

IRIS: DEINO & SERVINE

Archeops SWOOPS down from the sky and KNOCKS into Servine. Deino JUMPS up into the air, landing on Archeops. The weight of the tiny - but heavy - Dragon is too much for the ancient bird to handle so she crash lands. Deino hops off just in time and lands on all fours.

Just as Swadloon tries to use BUG BITE on Deino. Deino's too fast and uses a crunch attack to BITES onto Swadloon's draping tail of leaves. Swadloon waddles around frantically, with Deino still clamped on her tail.

Servine uses VINE WHIP at Archeops's sleeping body...

HILBERT (V.O.)

Iris and I trained a lot on our way to Icirrus City... She won a lot of the battles, but she won 'em fair and square, so I didn't complain.

FADE from this battle to show Hilbert and Iris arriving at a SNOWY MOUNTAIN area called TWIST MOUNTAIN.

FADE to Hilbert and Iris camping out inside a cave together. Hilbert looks uninterested, as Iris yaps on he focuses on eating a sandwich.

FADE to HILBERT's KROKOROK facing off against a MINCCINO, a cute little chinchilla Pokémon. Minccino delivers a powerful AQUA TAIL attack, while Krokorok glows and evolves into a terracotta-colored, striped with black, crocodile. It's enormous, intimidating and powerful just in its looks -- a KROOKODILE!

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Krokorok evolved into Krookodile and learned a new attack, Dragon Claw.

Krookodile's massive claws glow purple and strike Minccino. The tiny little chinchilla is knocked out, Hilbert throws a Poké Ball, and catches it.

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)

And then I caught the little Minccino.

FADE to the duo trudging up a snowy hill, and when they reach the top -- they see a tiny CITY overhead.

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We arrived at Icirrus feeling like we were overcome by frostbite. But turns out, we were fine...

INT. ICIRRUS CITY GYM - MORNING

In the GYM, HILBERT sends out his SWADLOON. The gym leader, a gawdy looking man named BRYCEN, looks confused. His CRYOGONAL - a floating snowflake Pokémon - dives forward as Hilbert suddenly recalls Swadloon and sends out ARCHEOPS.

HILBERT (V.O.)

Swadloon needed to gain experience so she could evolve into a Leavanny, so I decided to be cheap and switch her out immediately so she could get some sort of experience from the battle without actually fighting. Cause using her against Ice types? Big no no.

Archeops and Cryogonal exchange blows -- Cryogonal fires an ICE BEAM that freezes up the bird. The ice blocked-Pokémon hits the ground and the ice shatters, leaving Archeops KNOCKED out. Hilbert recalls Archeops and sends out his DEWOTT, SHELDON.

QUICK Shots of the battle as Sheldon uses RAZOR SHELL to knock out Cryogonal. Brycen sends out a VANILLITE -- a floating ice cream cone. FREEZE-FRAME on Hilbert's face as he LAUGHS at the ice cream Pokémon.

HILBERT (V.O.)

Remember how I said that the Klink we saw in Chargestone Cave was the dumbest Pokémon I'd ever seen? Scratch that. This Vanillite takes the cake.

(pause)

Gettit?

(beat)

Cake? And ice cream?

(cricket noise)

Meh. Moving on...

The battle starts -- Sheldon DEFLECTS an Ice Beam from Vanillite with one of his scalchops -- it flies back and hits the ice cream cone Pokémon. Dazed, Vanillite barely has time to notice Sheldon fire a WATER GUN right at its face.

HILBERT (V.O.)

I won my seventh badge after a quick scare losing Archeops. Sheldon swepted him pretty good and when I sent out Swadloon next --

EXT. ICIRRUS CITY - MORNING

Outside the gym, Hilbert throws a Poké Ball -- and a tall LEAVANNY pops out instead of Swadloon. He does a victory dance while Iris rolls her eyes.

HILBERT (V.O.)
 -- She was evolved. Gained enough
 experience and happiness to turn
 into Leavanny. I'm SUCH a
 genius...

A loud RUMBLE interrupts the festivities. Hilbert recalls
 Leavanny into her Ball, and he and Iris rush toward the
 noise.

On the other side of a half-frozen lake, there's the DRAGON
 SPIRAL TOWER. Team Plasma guards stand on either side of the
 entrance and a small bridge is there for safe crossing.

IRIS
 It's the legend. Both dragons are
 rumored to have split here -- if
 Team Plasma's here, then --

HILBERT
 (getting it)
 -- N is too. And he's gonna summon
 Reshiram.

They cross the bridge, heading toward the

EXT. DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER - CONTINUOUS

HILBERT, IRIS, and SHELDON are greeted at the end of the
 small bridge by the Team Plasma GRUNTS.

HILBERT (V.O.)
 Iris and I had to beat the Plasma
 grunts before we could gain entry --

QUICK shots of Iris's DEINO and Hilbert's DEWOTT, SHELDON,
 attacking the grunts' Pokémon (a TRUBBISH - trash bag Pokémon
 - and a SOLOSIS - floating cell Pokémon).

HILBERT (V.O.)
 -- Which was easy. No wonder
 they're only "grunts".

She, Hilbert, and Sheldon make their way inside.

INT. DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER - CONTINUOUS

"DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER" FROM BLACK & WHITE OST plays on a loop
 here --

As soon as HILBERT and IRIS enter -- both in HERO MODE --
 their moment ends abruptly. The floor ggives way underneath
 them and they FALL --

INT. DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER - DUNGEON - CONTINUOUS

-- BAM!

HILBERT, and IRIS look up -- it was a long fall for both of them. AXEW pops out of Iris's hair to check and see what happened, clearly stunned by the fall. SHELDON lies flat on his back, coming to his senses.

Axew looks BOTHERED, looking around the darkness with a tough face. Hilbert pulls out a Poké Ball...

HILBERT

I'm gonna get Archeops out so we
can get the heck outta--

From the darkness, an enormous RED, DINOSAUR-esque face EMERGES and CLAMPS its jaws onto the hood of Hilbert's sweater, YANKING him into the darkness. He SCREAMS and Axew JUMPS forward --

IRIS

HILBERT!!

Axew's mouth GLOWS blue and he releases the DRAGON RAGE attack -- illuminating the room as it collides with the thing that snatched Hilbert -- Its mouth OPENS and Hilbert SKIDS across the floor.

He sits up slowly -- looks up at the DRUDDIGON that gives an ANGRY roar.

IRIS (CONT'D)

Axew, use Outrage!

Axew's EYES EXPLODE in a BLUE FIRE. An ENORMOUS, UNEARTHLY ROAR from deep in its body -- the Druddigon CHARGES and uses DRAGON CLAW, throwing Axew through the air. In midair, Axew's body is surrounded by blue flames and SHOOTs forward like a rocket, slamming into Druddigon's chest and knocking the massive dragon backward. Axew gets up, and GLOWS in a white light -- EVOLVES into FRAXURE. Taller, and fiercer.

IRIS (CONT'D)

Oh my god! Axew EVOLVED!

Fraxure and Druddigon exchange roars like it's some sort of contest -- like two dinosaurs ready to battle -- and they CHARGE, RAMMING into each other. Druddigon SPINS -- a DRAGON TAIL attack right to Fraxure's face. Fraxure falls RIGHT next to Hilbert, who screams and tosses out Archeops's Poké Ball. He climbs on the large bird's back. Hangs on tight.

HILBERT

Archeops, use Fly! Swoop in and hit Druddigon in the face...!

IRIS

DON'T!! Never interrupt a battle between Dragon's, they'll rip you in half and use you as a peace treaty when the battle's over!!

Fraxure rushes the Druddigon, they wrestle back and forth. Fraxure clamps down hard on its arm and Druddigon rears back with an angry roar, throwing Fraxure across the room. Druddigon, dazed, starts to sway back and forth. Iris throws a Poke Ball with an angry yell. It shakes, shakes, shakes. And then LOCKS! Druddigon is hers!

Hilbert recalls Sheldon into his ball and sends out Archeops again. He ushers Iris to hop on, she hesitates... and then recalls Fraxure and leaps onto Archeops's back behind Hilbert. She wraps her arms around his waist and Archeops FLIES toward the open area they fell in through --

INT. DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER - CONTINUOUS

ARCHEOPS flies HILBERT and IRIS up the spiraling stairwell -- way up to the top -- past numerous PLASMA grunts who look on in awe.

INT. DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER - TOP - CONTINUOUS

They land at the end of the enormous stairwell, where they see N and GHETSIS.

GHETSIS

We have company...

N rounds on them. He smirks.

N

It's too late. Reshiram is already on its way!

The sun FLARES up in the distance -- TIGHT on Hilbert's face.

GHETSIS

There's nothing you can do to stop us.

Suddenly, a massive WHITE dragon swoops through the sky --

Hilbert and Iris back up -- Iris takes his hand. He looks surprised, but SQUEEZES hers tightly in response --

HILBERT (V.O.)
 We were scared, and thought we were
 gonna die, so don't judge...

The duo back up fearfully as RESHIRAM lands on the tower, and Ghetsis climb on its back -- and the gigantic dragon takes off into the sky -- before disappearing...

IRIS
 What now?

HILBERT (V.O.)
 It all came down to exactly what N
 thought it would.
 (beat)
 Truth versus ideals. Black versus
 White.

Hilbert swallows -- it's a long pause before he finally says...

HILBERT (CONT'D)
 ...We fight.

END "DRAGON SPIRAL TOWER" LOOP.

SMASH TO BLACK.

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)
 ...A war was about to begin.

FADE IN:

EXT. TUBELINE BRIDGE - MORNING

CUE -- "EVENT BATTLE" FROM BLACK & WHITE OST.

Iron towers canopy the walkway as busy people with suitcases and eager young Pokémon trainers, heading wherever they need be...

The floor of the bridge is like a catwalk, and passerbys can see and feel SUBWAY trains pass under it. The sun glistens on the messy wet blankets beneath and surrounding TUBELINE BRIDGE.

CRANE SHOT:

Of the clouds. DARKENING. Slight WHISPERS of ELECTRICITY CRACKLE and DANCE through the black sky...

POV SHOT ON THE BRIDGE:

In the eyes of a random commoner. Rain begins to trickle as we TROT through the crowds of people. The rain starts slow -- and then seems to INSTANTLY pick up into a raging monsoon. DRAMATIC WINDS blow against the bridge.

Our pace picks up -- we're running through the crowds. People are shouting, pissed that they're getting so soaked without much of a warning.

BOOM!

A large LIGHTNING STRIKE smacks the ground in front of us. DEBRIS flies everywhere and we HIT the ground. We TURN -- our focus on the SKY now --

A JET BLACK DRAGON IS ZOOMING DOWN FROM THE SKY. LIGHTNING COMING DOWN IN STRIKES FROM BENEATH ITS WINGS, AS IT GIVES A HORRIFYING ROAR.

ZEKROM.

WE leave this POV SHOT.

ON the faces of the horrified people as they race to whatever end of the bridge they're closest too -- just trying to find a way out.

LIGHTNING zaps the bars that hold the bridge together. The metal begins to TWIST and CRUMBLE. The wires SHATTER like GLASS.

The bridge begins to groan... it CRACKS, the subways underneath CHURNING.

INT. BATTLE SUBWAY TRAIN 341 - MORNING

Trainers of all ages -- from young kids to the elderly -- battle with their Pokémon. The train begins to rumble and SHAKE. A YOUNGSTER, no older than 11, tips his cap as he holds onto a rail.

YOUNGSTER
...Was that us?

A young LASS, beautiful, 16, shakes her head in worry.

LASS
I don't think so...

A big blast of LIGHTNING slaps the side of the subway. BOOM!

The lightbulbs explode. People SCREAM as it goes pitch black.

INT. NIMBASA CITY - BATTLE SUBWAY STATION - MORNING

A technician watches the monitor. His eyes widen -- definitely an "Oh, crap" expression.

TECHNICIAN

There's a disturbance at Tubeline Bridge... Loss of power.

A second technician looks over his shoulder, clicking on the screen. LIVE FOOTAGE of Tubeline Bridge. The thing is collapsing, the subway train underneath trapped.

TECHNICIAN 2

Oh Jesus...

They can hardly see Zekrom amidst all the smoke and destruction.

TECHNICIAN

Do you see that? That dark -- that black outline?

(beat)

Stop all trains from going there immediately.

The technician beside him is confused.

TECHNICIAN 2

But what about the people on the train already there?

TECHNICIAN

...We floor the train. Get Heatmor and Eelektross to generate all the energy they can to Train 341. Get them the hell out of there!

TECHNICIAN 2

Yes, sir!

She rushes off...

INT. NIMBASA CITY - BATTLE SUBWAY STATION - GENERATOR ROOM - CONTINUOUS

...Heading into the BACK ROOM. Alive with lights and monitors. Poké Balls line the shelves against the wall and a large machine with a plexiglass door, many wires dangling from the ceiling, sits on the opposite side. The technician picks up two of them, and she tosses them out.

HEATMOR is a blood-red anteater Pokémon that looks like it's equipped with metal markings, looking almost like a living flamethrower. The EELEKTROSS beside it is an two-armed, deep green electric eel with an enormous, intimidating face.

TECHNICIAN 2

Guys, hook up to the generators...

Both Pokémon rush over, seeing the panic in her eyes, to the nearby generator. The technician applies them with wires, plugging them in. She shuts the plexiglass door and plays with the touch screen pad outside... entering in "341".

She punches in more buttons just as the generator begins to light up. FLAMES begin to surround Heatmor, it makes a noise. Electricity sparks through Eelektross...

A BLINDING LIGHT flashes in the technician's eyes -- she blocks her face with her arm --

INT. BATTLE SUBWAY TRAIN 341 - MORNING

The train starts to get back. The YOUNGSTER's horrified face peeks outside, where the bridge is collapsing around their train. He sees people falling plenty of feet, plummeting to the ocean. HORROR crosses his face...

...just as the train PICKS up. Everyone inside is thrown backward as it ZOOMS through the tracks --

EXT. TUBELINE BRIDGE - MORNING

ZEKROM's striking the bridge angrily with plenty of lightning strikes, giving a massive roar in the process. The subway beneath the bridge manages to zoom through the tunnel and disappear out of sight -- they're safe.

But the people walking on the bridge continue to fight for their lives...

A CAMERAMAN records the footage. His eyes are alight with wonder and awe.

Suddenly, he hears the snapping of a wire. He spins around -- barely has time to register the horror as an entire ARCH swings for him at blinding fast speed and --

EVERYTHING GOES STATIC. THE MUSIC STOPS.

AND IT ALL FADES TO **BLACK**.

FADE IN: